

## **REMARKS**

### **Disposition of the Claims:**

The present response is intended to be a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2008. Claims 14 to 26, as amended, and newly added claims 27 to 29 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present application and allowance of all of the pending claims.

### **Amendments to the Drawings:**

The Examiner has objected to the figures in the application on the basis that the lines, numbers and letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean and black, the numbers and reference characters are not plain and legible and that solid black shading is not permitted. Figures 1 and 2 have been canceled and new Figures 1 and 2 are submitted herewith addressing each of the points noted by the Examiner. Applicants note that the scope of the figures has not changed and there is no new subject matter included in the figures. The figures are merely being resubmitted to correct the problems noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the new figures.

### **Allowable Subject Matter:**

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 14 to 22 are allowed.

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 23 to 26 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. In addition, in view of the amendment to claim 24, the subject matter deleted from claim 24 has now been included in newly added claim 27. Also, claims 28 and 29 have been added. These claims further define the means for commanding the circulation of the fluid. Applicants respectfully request acceptance of these newly added claims.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:**

The Examiner has rejected claims 23 to 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With regard to claim 23, the term "it" has been deleted and the reference has been made instead to "the block". Accordingly, Applicants maintains that claim 23 is no longer indefinite.

With regard to claim 24, the phrase "particularly a gas cylinder" has been deleted. This embodiment has been added as a new dependent claim.

With regard to claims 25 and 26, each of these claims have been amended to indicate that the block further comprises a first control means for opening said downstream circuit, a second control means for opening said upstream circuit and the means for commanding the circulation of the fluid and also that the operator initiates these means.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants maintain that claims 23 to 26, as well as newly added claims 27 to 29, are not indefinite and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

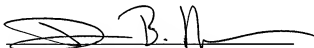
## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above noted amendments, it is believed that all claims of the present application now stand in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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